

woollen cloth is fastened tightly, with straps, over the vessel designed to receive the syrup, which is then poured upon the top and allowed to strain as above—by using woollen the straining is rendered very effective. This process through, salarins, in the proportion of two spoonfuls to three puffs, is added to neutralize the acid in the syrup, and it is then "sugared off." It is then conveyed and poured into a barrel rigged expressly for the purpose, and allowed to drain for six weeks, or until warm weather arrives. An orifice is originally made in the barrel as near its bottom as may be, into which is inserted a plugged spout. At the proper time the plug is withdrawn from the spout and the molasses allowed to drain off, leaving the clear and dry sugar. The barrel should be leaned a little in the direction of the spout, that the molasses may the more freely drain off.

The sugar house is of great assistance, (it being customary to boil night and day,) and is sufficiently extensive to contain a resting couch, stove, tables, &c. together with room for housing each of the sugar apparatus as a proper. In this sugar house the writer had the pleasure of partaking of a "dinner in the woods," which for sweetness, at least, could hardly be equalled in "civilized life."—*Bellows Falls Gaz.*

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THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 1847.

Anniversary of the American Baptist Missionary Union.

Cincinnati, May 15, 1847.

MESSRS. EDITORS.—The Board of Managers of the American Baptist Missionary Union, met this morning, agreeably to appointment, at 10 o'clock, A. M., in the Ninth St. Baptist Church. Twenty of the seventy-five members answered to their names, thus securing a quorum, with five in addition. As both the Chairman and Recording Secretary were absent, the Board was called to order by the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. Elihu Tacker, of New York, who was chosen Chairman *pro tem*, and Rev. Morgan J. Rhee, of Delaware, Recording Secretary *pro tem*. The throne of grace was fervently addressed by Rev. Mr. Caldwell, of Massachusetts.

The Chairman made a neat, appropriate address, and then called for the business prescribed by the Constitution.

Richard E. Eddy, Esq., the Treasurer, presented his report, showing the receipt, during the year ending March 31, including the profits of the Magazine (\$478), of \$85,457.24, and the expenditure of \$84,339.71. The permanent fund amounts, as heretofore, to \$20,000. The receipts from all sources, including the U. S. Government, and "large collateral societies," amounted to more than \$95,000—exceeding by \$14,000 the receipt of any previous year, except the year 1845—6, when a special effort was made to extinguish "the debt." The Report was accepted, and ordered to be published as usual.

Letters were read from Rev. Messrs. D. Pratt, of New Hampshire, Phares Church, of New York, A. Bailey, of Illinois, and J. P. Tustin, of Rhode Island, assigning reasons for their non-attendance.

The Annual Report of the Executive Committee was next read by the Secretaries—relating to the Home Department, by Mr. Bright, that pertaining to the Foreign Department, by Mr. Peck.

It was ordered that the different portions of the Report be referred to select committees, to be appointed during the afternoon session.

Agreeably to instructions given by the Board last year, Mr. Bright, on behalf of the Executive Committee, read a report, giving an account of "the entire business of the Magazine and the Macedonian." It was a very lucid document, showing the improvements which have been made in the management of these important publications. This paper was referred to the Committee on periodicals.

The Rev. E. L. Magoon and the two Corresponding Secretaries, were appointed a Committee to make arrangements for evening services during the week.

After prayer by Rev. J. N. Granger, of Rhode Island, the Board adjourned till afternoon.

At half-past two, P. M., the Board met, and was opened with prayer by Rev. A. D. Gillette, of Philadelphia.

Mr. Bright read a paper, prepared by direction of the Executive Committee, on the practice of assigning to organizations and individuals the support of selected missionaries and native assistants. The objections to that practice were clearly and strongly stated.

Mr. Peck read a paper on the needed reinforcement of the several missions, showing the demand to be urgent in the extreme. A deep impression was made upon the audience by the statements in this document, and "Father Bennett," by request, led us to the throne of grace, where it was good to be and to linger long.

Mr. Bright read a paper on the Home work of the missionary enterprise, showing the extent of the Home field, the number of those who are, or ought to be, Home laborers, and the means by which men and means may be furnished for the Foreign work.

Mr. Peck read a paper on the spiritual progress of the missions during the past year, exhibiting the most cheering proofs of a success that ought to make us grateful, and encourage us to more enlarged efforts.

These four documents were listened to with profound interest, and then referred, severally, to Committees.

The Chairman then announced the Committees, amounting to about a dozen, all of whom are expected to report to-morrow, and the Board adjourned. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Thompson, of Rochester, N. Y.

The prospect now is, that the anniversary will be very thinly attended. It is painful to observe the absence of the older brethren, whom we have long been accustomed to meet at our annual missionary gathering, and who have ever imparted interest as well as given direction to all the services of the occasion. In looking about today, I have involuntarily asked—Where are the fathers? It seems strange to come together to consult for the heathen, and miss such men as Sharp, Wayland, Cone, Welch, Kendrick, N. W.

Williams, John Peck, Dodge, Lincoln, Colgate, and others of the long-remembered and friends of missions. They have doubtless valid reasons for their absence, but they may be sure that their absence is deplored.

A few are present from Kentucky, among whom is our old friend, the Rev. Dr. M. L. Com. The Rev. Dr. Sherwood, from Illinois, is also present.

Cincinnati, May 15, 1847.

MESSRS. EDITORS.—The meeting of the Board to-day has been one of great interest. The services in the morning were opened with prayer by Rev. Marvin Allen, of Michigan.

Rev. J. N. Granger, of Rhode Island, read the report of the Committee on the periodicals of the Union. Some of the recommendations of the report gave rise to a desultory and rather earnest debate, which resulted in a reference of the subject to the new Board. The manner in which the Magazine and Macedonian are now conducted seems to give very general satisfaction.

A report from the Committee on agencies was read by Rev. Levi Tucker, D. D., of Buffalo, and adopted.

A report from the Committee on the European and African Missions was read by Rev. Charles Thompson, of Rochester, N. Y., and a report from the Committee on the Burman and Karen Missions, by Rev. Edward Lathrop, of New York city; both of which were adopted.

Rev. B. Stow, of Boston, read a report from the Committee on the proposed alteration of the third article of the Constitution, recommending the postponement of the subject to the next annual meeting of the Board. The principal reason assigned for the postponement, was the smallness of the number present. More than two-thirds of the Board of Managers, and more than three-fourths of the members of the Union, are absent. It was therefore judged inexpedient to take up so grave a subject, and venture a decision, which must, at best, be the result of a superficial investigation. The Committee also recommended the appointment of a Committee of nine, who should have a year for a thorough examination of the whole subject. The report met with no objection, and was unanimously adopted. The Committee appointed consists of Rev. W. R. Williams, D. D., of New York, Rev. Morgan J. Rhee, of Delaware, Rev. Adam Wilson, of Maine, Rev. G. S. Webb, of Pennsylvania, James H. Duncan, Esq., of Massachusetts, Rev. John Stevens, of Ohio, Rev. James N. Granger, of R. I., Rev. Phares Church, of Rochester, N. Y., Rev. John Booth, of Michigan.

Rev. T. F. Caldwell, of Massachusetts, read the report on Indian Missions, which was adopted.

After prayer by Rev. S. M. Osgood, of Mainville, Burmah, the Board adjourned.

In the afternoon, the opening prayer was offered by Rev. George C. Chandler, of Indiana.

Rev. Dr. Patterson read the report from the Committee on the Home work of the missionary enterprise, and Rev. J. W. Parker, of Massachusetts, the report on the practice of assigning to individuals and organizations the support of the missionary laborers of the Union. Both these reports were adopted. The latter report concluded with a resolution instructing the Executive Committee to discontinue a practice which has been found to work unfavorably to the best interests of the enterprise.

Rev. A. D. Gillette, of Philadelphia, read a report from the Committee on obituary notices, which was adopted.

Rev. T. C. Jameson, of Rhode Island, read a brief report on the Assam, Telogoo, Siam and China missions, which, after addresses by Messrs. S. Peck, R. Pattison and B. Stow, on the special necessities of the Assam mission, was adopted.

After making the necessary arrangements for the presenting of suitable abstracts of the various reports to the Union, which is to meet to-morrow, the Board adjourned.

In the evening, the annual sermon before the Union was preached in the 9th St. Baptist Church. As both the first and second preachers appointed for the occasion had failed, the service was performed, by special request, by the pastor of the Baldwin Place Church, Boston. His text was, Matt. 27: 45, 51, 52, 63. His theme—*The Moral Grandeur of the Death of Christ*. Prayers were offered by Rev. A. Bennett, and Rev. G. S. Webb.

Cincinnati, May 20, 1847.

MESSRS. EDITORS.—At 10 o'clock, this morning, the American Baptist Missionary Union commenced its annual session, Hon. Anthony H. Dunley, of Lebanon, Ohio, one of the Vice-Presidents, in the Chair. After singing the 89th hymn of the Psalmist, prayer was offered by Rev. Adam Wilson, of Maine.

Rev. William H. Shailer, of Massachusetts, was chosen Recording Secretary *pro tem*, and Rev. Mr. Turney, of Ohio, his assistant.

Rev. Messrs. Hutchinson, of Vermont, and Corwin and Sackett, of Ohio, were appointed a Committee to make out a list of the members present.

Rev. Mr. Rhee, of Delaware, Recording Secretary *pro tem* of the Board, presented a report of the proceedings of the Board during the last two days.

Rev. Messrs. R. E. Pattison, G. B. Ide, J. W. Parker, A. Wilson and G. C. Chandler, were appointed a Committee to nominate twenty-five persons as members of the Board of Managers for the next three years.

Rev. Messrs. A. Bennett, E. Bright, Jr., and J. L. Moore, were appointed a Committee to recommend a place for the holding of the next annual meeting, and to nominate the preacher.

The Treasurer then read an abstract of his report, and it was

Voted, That the report, an abstract of which has been read, be accepted and published under the direction of the Board.

The report of the Committee of the Board on the proposed change in the third article of the Constitution, was taken up, and a free discussion ensued, which resulted in a unanimous vote to acquiesce in the decision of the Board to postpone the subject for one year. A few individuals expressed themselves strongly in favor of a change, and a few others strongly in opposition. Apparently the great majority care little about the question, and are willing to work under either form of organization, provided they can have a faithful agent to bear their contributions to the perishing heathen.

After prayer by Rev. Evan Jones, of Cherokee, the Union adjourned.

The afternoon session was opened by singing the 88th hymn of the Psalmist, and prayer by Rev. Charles Evans, of Michigan.

The Committee on arrangements for the next anniversary, reported, recommending that the meeting be held with the First Baptist church in Troy, N. Y., and that the sermon be preached by Rev. James N. Granger, of R. I., or by Rev. Morgan J. Rhee, of Delaware, as his alternate. The report was accepted and the recommendations were adopted.

The Corresponding Secretary read an abstract of the report of the Executive Committee, as directed by the Board of Managers, and the same was unanimously accepted.

The Union then proceeded to the election of officers for the year ensuing, and the result was as follows:

President.

Hon. George N. Briggs, of Massachusetts.

Vice Presidents.

Hon. Anthony H. Dunley, of Ohio,

Rev. Bartholomew T. Welch, D. D., of New York.

Recording Secretary.

Rev. William H. Shailer, of Massachusetts.

The committee appointed to nominate one-third of the Board of Managers, reported, and the entire list was elected by ballot, viz:

Rev. Messrs. Amariah Kolloch, of Maine;

Dutra D. Pratt, of N. H., Thomas F. Caldwell, of Mass., Jonah G. Warren, of Mass., Francis Wayland, D. D., of R. I., William R. Williams, D. D., of N. Y., Nathaniel Kendrick, D. D., of N. Y., Charles G. Somers, of N. Y., Levi Tucker, D. D., of N. Y., Alfred Bennett, of N. Y., Morgan J. Rhee, of Del., Abraham D. Gillette, of Pa., Greenleaf S. Webb, of Pa., Elias L. Magoon, of Ohio, E. D. Owen, of Ind., John M. Peck, of Ill.

Laymen—James H. Duncan, Esq., of Mass., Jonathan Battelle, Esq., of Mass., Timothy Gilbert, Esq., of Mass., Henry Marchant, Esq., of R. I., Albert Day, Esq., of Conn., J. H. Smith, of N. Y., David A. Boker, Esq., of N. Y., W. H. Munn, Esq., of N. Y., William Bucknall, Jr., Esq., of Pa.

All the business of organization is now concluded, and this evening and to-morrow are to be devoted to the consideration of subjects that bear directly upon the wants and claims of our missions. A very kind, Christian spirit seems to prevail among the brethren, and there is reason to believe that the cause of missions is gaining strength in the West quite as rapidly as in the East.

In the evening there was a crowded assembly. So much of the report of the Executive Committee, as relates to the spiritual progress of the missions, was read by the Corresponding Secretary—a document of extraordinary interest, neatly drawn up, and abounding in most encouraging facts. Addresses were made by Rev. S. M. Osgood, of the Maulmain Mission, Rev. Alfred Bennett, Rev. Evan Jones, of the Cherokee Mission, Rev. Edward Bright, Jr., the Assistant Corresponding Secretary, and by Lewis Downing, a native Cherokee preacher, whose remarks were interpreted by a son of Rev. Evan Jones.

It was a season of deep, holy feeling. The address of "Father Bennett," in particular, made a deep impression. You know him well, and need not a description of the elements of his power. His whole soul is baptized in the spirit of missions, and what he says, he understands and feels. If one in fifty of our ministers were like him, there would be no lack of men or means to carry forward our enterprise.

B. S.

Cincinnati, May 21, 1847.

MESSRS. EDITORS.—This morning, after singing the 88th hymn, prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Finley, of Lebanon, Ohio. Mr. Dunley being indisposed, Hon. J. H. Duncan, of Mass., was called to the chair.

Mr. Bright read from the report of the Board so much as relates to the finances of the Union, after which addresses were made by Messrs. Bennett, Stow, Bright and Duncan.

Mr. Peck read the paper on the reinforcement of the missions, which was followed by most interesting addresses from Rev. S. S. Day, of the Telogoo mission, Rev. E. L. Abbott, of the Arracan Mission, and Thomas Watson Esq., of Philadelphia. The remarks of Messrs. Day and Abbott produced a deep impression, reminding us of some of the tender scenes in the Mulberry St. Tabernacle, in Nov., 1845.

The two documents were adopted, and, after special prayer for the multiplication of laborers, offered most fervently by Rev. G. S. Webb, the Union adjourned.

At the opening of the afternoon session, Heber's missionary hymn was enthusiastically sung, and prayer was offered by Rev. J. W. Parker, of Mass.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. B. Stow, and seconded by Rev. A. Bennett, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Union will sustain the Board in making direct application to all such persons as they may judge to be suitable candidates for missionary service, and in pressing upon them, by all proper means, the claims of our suffering missions, and the wants of the perishing heathen.

Mr. Bright read the paper on the Home work of the missionary enterprise, which, after addresses from Messrs. Granger, Stow, S. Trevor, J. Stevens, Fulton and Moore, of Michigan, and Seely, of Iowa, was laid on the table until the evening session. Prayer by Rev. A. Bennett.

In the evening, after prayer by Rev. Mr. Page, of Wooster, Ohio, George James, Esq., of Zanesville, Ohio, was called to the chair. The subject of the afternoon session was resumed, and a series of very stirring appeals was made by Messrs. Simons, of Maulmain, S. Trevor and E. L. Magoon, of Cincinnati, Abbott, of Arracan, and Bond, of Indiana.

At a late hour the Union adjourned with prayer by Rev. D. B. Cheney, of Columbus.

Saturday, May 22.

The Union met this morning at nine o'clock, and was opened with prayer by Rev. C. Thompson, of Rochester, N. Y. The subject left unfinished last evening, was taken up, and spirited addresses were made by Messrs. Caldwell, Duncan and Parker, of Massachusetts; Bennett, of New York; Webb, of Pennsylvania; Stevens, Turney, Austin, E. Going, Page, and J. L. Moore, of Ohio.

The discussion of this subject has developed an interest in the cause of missions of the most gratifying character. If the "single object" of the Union has warm, intelligent friends any where, they are to be found in these North Western States. They labor in the midst of difficulties incident to a comparatively new country, and cannot show large results in the way of pecuniary contributions; but they are doing well and deserve high commendation.

The Committee on the roll of members reported, and their report was adopted. The number present is not far from 120—perhaps about one eighth of the whole number of life members.

On motion by the Corresponding Secretary, a vote of thanks was passed to the Baptist churches and congregations, and other families and individuals in Cincinnati, for the generous hospitality with which they have entertained the Union.

The customary vote was passed with reference to the publication of the proceedings of the Union, and then Mr. Abbott gave his farewell address. It was simple, dignified, and tender. The audience melted and wept while he shed not a tear.

Rev. Mr. Caldwell prayed, Dr. Baldwin's Union hymn was sung, Mr. Abbott pronounced the benediction, and the Union adjourned to meet in Troy, on the third Thursday of May, 1848.

In the afternoon, the Board of Managers met and organized by the choice of Hon. J. H. Duncan, Chairman, and Rev. Morgan J. Rhee, Recording Secretary. After some preliminary business, the report of the Committee on periodicals was taken up, discussed, amended, and adopted.

In the evening, after a report from a nominating Committee, consisting of Messrs. Caldwell, Granger, Bodge, Watson and Trevor, the following elections were made:

Rev. Solomon Peck, *Foreign Secretary*.

Rev. Edward Bright, Jr., *Home Secretary*.

Rev. Richard E. Eddy, Esq., *Treasurer*.

Rev. Messrs. Barnes Sears, Baron Stow, William Leverett, Robert W. Cushman, and Joseph W. Parker; Hon. Heman Lincoln, Jonathan Bacheller, Esq., Frederick Gould, Esq., and Gardner Colby, Esq., *Executive Committee*.

Charles D. Gould, Esq., and Joshua Loring, Esq., *Auditing Committee*.

The business of the Board was concluded at ten o'clock this evening. Our Foreign Mission meetings have thus continued during five days, and I have the clear conviction that these days have been well spent. The spirit of missions has predominated over every other spirit, and shed over all the services a holy, devotional glow. It was easy for brethren to pray, and to join in prayer. Many tears have flowed, many confessions and vows have been made. The coming year, I cannot doubt, will show proof that the standard of missionary consecration has been, by many, greatly elevated. *B. S.*

Constitution of the Missionary Union.

The Committee of the Board, to whom was referred the subject of amending the Constitution, made, during the meeting at Cincinnati, the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred the proposed amendment of the third article of the Constitution, have had the subject under consideration, and after deliberately weighing the facts in the case, have come to the conclusion to recommend the postponement of the subject until the next annual meeting of the Board. At least two-thirds of the Board of Managers and more than three-fourths of the members of the Union are absent from Cincinnati. Your committee take it for granted that the comparatively small number who are present will hardly be able to decide a question of such magnitude, involving a fundamental principle of our organization, and associated with interests of the gravest character, which must be jeopardized and may be seriously damaged by a hasty decision. But a single year cannot furnish sufficient data for a fair conclusion. Another year will doubtless supply additional elements, that may assist the candid and considerate in forming a just estimate of the value of the platform on which we have agreed to work together for a "single object," and in deciding whether at any point that platform ought to be changed. In the meantime, your committee are of opinion that the committee who may be required to report definitively upon this question should be composed of those who are present, and who can possibly be given to it under the pressure of business at the present session. They would therefore recommend that the subject be referred to a special committee of nine, whose duty it shall be to give it a thorough investigation, and report at the next annual meeting of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,
Baron Stow, Chairman.

The Prison Discipline Society.

Held a public anniversary meeting in the Tremont Temple, on Tuesday, the 25th ult. Hon. Theodore Lyman, President, in the chair. Rev. Dr. Tucker, of Connecticut, read the 13th chapter of 1st Corinthians, and offered prayer.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Mr. Elliot, and exhibited an economical use of the funds committed to the care of the Society. The annual report of the Board of Managers, was read by the Secretary, Rev. L. Dwight. It acknowledges the goodness of God, manifested toward the Society, during the year—notes, in appropriate terms, the death of friends and patrons—alludes to documents published, and then speaks of the Secretary's visit to Europe. While there, he visited the prisons in Liverpool, London, Glasgow and Edinburgh, and some prisons upon the Continent. Found the system of discipline defective—many years behind that now adopted in our own country. The custom of flagging still exists; convicts are crowded together in large numbers; in one instance, ninety were lodged into six rooms—commitments are made for small offences—commitments are frequent, and reformation scarcely ever. Indeed, reformation is unexpected, and almost unusual. The State Reform School was noticed with much commendation, as were also the efforts to supply our prisons with suitable laborers.

Rev. Dr. Jenks moved to amend the Report in the Board of Managers for publication, and accompanied his motion with a few excellent remarks upon the great importance of Sabbath School instruction in our prisons.

Charles Sumner, Esq., moved to lay the Report and motion of Dr. Jenks on the table, that he might present the Report of a committee, appointed at the last anniversary, whose duty was to examine the Report of Sabbath School, and the course pursued by it, and see if anything can be done to extend its usefulness. This motion occasioned some discussion, but finally prevailed, and Mr. Sumner read the Report, and then moved to accept and print it, together with a series of resolutions, which were appended. This motion led to a protracted debate, in which several gentlemen participated, and which had not terminated when the meeting adjourned.

New England Sabbath School Union.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The anniversary of the New England Sabbath School Union, occurred on Wednesday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, in Bowdoin Square Church. The services were commenced with sweet singing from a numerous juvenile choir, and prayer by Rev. D. D. Pratt, of New Hampshire. The annual report of the Secretary and Treasurer was read by Rev. Mr. Barnaby, General Agent of the Society. From this it appeared that Mr. B. has for nearly six months been successfully engaged in prosecuting his agency.

During the year, the Society has circulated 10,000 bound volumes of books not before published, and 2,000 re-printed from former publications. It has issued 15,000 copies of various Question Books, and 10,500 copies of the "Infant Series." The year, 37,500; whole number of pages of Question Books, 1,500,000. The "Young Reader," and the "Sabbath School Treasury," have been published monthly. The amount of cash donations received from churches and individuals, \$1,192.88; and of subscriptions, \$1,455.00; making a total of \$2,647.88.

The Report made a full and convincing statement of the necessities and importance of the Union. The publication and general distribution of the Report was moved by Rev. R. W. Cushman, who said that he had not been simply an observer of this movement, but had endeavored to help it forward. He had indulged various feelings in reference to this enterprise, and had sometimes, in view of its condition, been depressed. But the report just read, breathed a spirit of encouragement, and inspired him with fresh confidence and hope in contemplating the renewed vigor with which the Society was now prosecuting its objects. He spoke of the element in our nature, that is ever seeking glory. The Sabbath School has, in a great degree, lost this. He had sometimes reflected in view of the views of the present generation, whether educated in a great degree, as they have been, under the influence of the Sabbath School, it was not to be regarded as of doubtful utility. But shall we give up this instrumentality? If we cannot by the means which it furnishes, preserve all save our youth, where else shall we look? He knew not where we could look, unless God should make windows in heaven, and send forth his angels to the work of rescuing and saving men. We are, then, to inquire for the cause of any deficiency that exists, and apply the remedy. The first before us, in the large attendance and interest manifested in the present meeting, was of cheering promise.

We are assembled, said the speaker, in Boston. But Boston is but a minimum, even of New England, much less of the country at large. The institution which this Society fosters, is valuable, not only to Boston, but equally so to the whole country. Boston is fast becoming another Paris, drawing in the surrounding population, and multiplying the appliances of vice. The appeal of such a cause as this, in view of such a fact, is powerful.

But the publications of the Society cannot be produced and sent abroad, without money. Means must be had. The young will have knowledge of some kind, and will drink it in, without discrimination. We must, if possible, foreclose and shut out a poisonous literature from the young. No one can offer a guaranty for the current literature, even which is seemingly most respectable, and which is sent out under the sanction of religious bookellers!

It had been said we can buy books at other places; and in other ways, an indifference to the claims of the New England Sabbath School Union, had been manifested. "We had better," said the speaker, "suffer to suffer the loss of this Society to rest heavily on the shoulders of a few. Much as he respected other denominations, he must maintain his integrity as a Baptist, and doing this, he must sustain this Society for its treasury."

Rev. T. O. Lincoln, of Manchester, N. H., next addressed the young of the meeting, more especially, and said—Were he to ask the question, What do you do for the Sabbath School? he would answer, "I do nothing." The answer to study the Bible, and acquire religious knowledge, would be common to all. But why was this done? Why have this and similar organizations? It was not because of the literal value of the book. The purchase of a Bible among us, however it might be in Rome, is cheap. The reason why we give so great prominence to the study of the Bible, lies in the fact of its pre-eminence value. The best part of mankind, great and good men, had borne the most favorable testimony of their estimate of the Bible.

Lord Bacon—"There never was found, in any age of the world, either philosopher, or sect, or law, or discipline, which did so highly exalt the public good, as the Christian faith."

John Milton, the immortal poet—"There are no songs comparable to the songs of Zion, no oracles equal to those of the prophets, no politics like those which the Scriptures teach."

Sir Matthew Hale—"There is no book like the Bible, no man like Jesus, no religion like Christianity, no power like the power of God. Within a few years, three champions of the cross, in his native principality, have retired to rest. They were called by way of distinction, the three. It was a question which they lived, and it is still undecided, which of them was greatest—whose influence was most salutary and most widely felt? Yet they were extremely unlike. They belonged to three different religious denominations. The Congregationalist, though he had his superior in every single point of view, could never excel in kindness than any of his contemporaries. He could reach every class and character, and touch them at every point, than almost any other preacher ever known. The Calvinistic Methodist, was distinguished as a profound divine, and effective orator. His mind was exceedingly affluent. He was at home in every subject. His logic was incandescent, his appeals were tremendous. The Baptist here, was a religious Shakespeare. His personal appearance was remarkable. He would be singled out among twenty thousands. His sermons were dramatic, his illustrations were unexhausted. Still the three had many points of resemblance. They all arose unaided, through multitudes of difficulties from the lowest region of society. They were alike in singleness and honesty of purpose, and in unwavering reliance on the truth and all sufficiency of the gospel. Next to the Lord Jesus, it was Paul that they strove to imitate. The secret of their power was their faithful copying of that grand specimen of ministerial fidelity. We can do no better than to follow their example; and may we do it with equal success."

Among the elements of power in the ministry of Paul, these two are prominent. Honesty and singleness of purpose, created and sustained by his faith in the gospel, and the wisdom and the power of God; and adaptability of address to enlist the sovereign freedom of the soul.

Those who are engaged in a bad cause—whose object is either to trifle, or to harm, need to conceal themselves and their designs in the dark. But the ambassador of Heaven has no need of cunning or fraud. It is not necessary that he should be a manager or a schemer. The gospel is a light, and its advocates help—its influence is to be seen in the light. Paul relied wholly on the truth—a true and pure character, and true doctrine. He could not, therefore, fall to commend himself to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

Clad in this transparent garb of sincerity, he negotiated for God directly with the sovereign faculty of the soul. He never sought to make himself popular by flattery—the animal passions—for they possess no rightful authority, and they are inconsistent. To-day, they vociferate—Hosanna in the highest; to-morrow—"Crucify him." The only approach to the throne of this earthly monarch is through the understanding. Conscience is the judge of poetry or of music, but solely of truth and righteousness. But though the business of the preacher is with the sovereign—the inferior faculties, also, should be enlisted. Conscience and reason act more vigorously when surrounded by a glowing, heated atmosphere. Yet it is very possible to move the passions without impressing conscience. It has, however, been very generally thought that to produce impression, is to preach faithfully and to the purpose. This is a great and serious error. There are various ways in which the mind may be moved without enlightening the understanding, or awakening the conscience. As for instance, by showing how much one would advance his own interests by becoming religious; by the power of sympathy; by awakening an apprehension of danger. Great effect by such means may be produced, and after all the individual may be in as bad or in a worse condition than he was before. Paul aimed first of all to turn men from darkness unto light, then from the power of Satan unto God.

The essay, though prepared under the disadvantages of an exceedingly short notice, bore eloquent proof of the discriminating mind of its author, and was well received.

Boston Baptist Bethel Society.

According to previous appointment, a meeting was held on Tuesday afternoon, the 25th ult., in the Bowdoin Square Church, with a view of promoting the objects of this institution. The object of the meeting having been stated by Mr. Crowell, Mr. John C. Pratt reported a list of nominations for officers of the Society, and Dea. Simon G. Shipley was appointed chairman of the meeting. The Constitution of the Society was then read. The following resolution offered by Mr. Crowell, was adopted:—

Resolved, That it is the duty of Christians to make special efforts for the conversion of souls.

Remarks appropriate to the occasion, were elicited by this resolution, from Messrs. Crowell, Neale, Blain, Hague, P. Stow, Walcott, Bowditch, Leonard, of New London, Carleton, of Salem, and by the chairman.

A good spirit pervaded the meeting, which was suited to the furtherance of the noble, and hitherto too much neglected object for which it was called. It was a source of mutual congratulation that the interests of seamen, as connected with the efforts of Baptists in this city, and elsewhere, are no longer as heretofore, to be overlooked. The Boston Baptist Bethel, we may hope, is established on a permanent foundation. It has already opened its streams of blessing to many souls.

Rev. Mr. Colver's Sermon.

BEFORE THE MASS. CONFERENCE OF BAPT. MINISTERS.

On Tuesday evening

